on November 18, 1995 than the rate of 10.1 per cent on the corresponding date a year ago.

(c) There is no proposal under consideration at present.

Power supply in Hill Districts of U.P.

1509. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that power supply in eight hill districts of Uttar Pradesh is very irregular;

(b) whether it is also a fact that sub-stations for power supply are located at very long distance, which cause considerable loss of power during transmission; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken or proposed to be taken to construct more sub stations at reasonable distance which may distribute power supply uniformly and regularly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAIPATEL): (a) to (c) During the period April-October '95 the energy requirement in Uttar Pradesh (including eight hill districts) was 22305 Million Units against which the availability was 19756 Million Units, which represents a shortage of 11.4%. Supply and distribution of power to different regions of State is a responsibility of State Governments State Electricity Boards.

Currency brought Illegally by Exporters

1510. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi Customs have unearthed a racket invloving exporters over-invoicing their exports and defrauding Government of its legitimate revenue thereby;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence, Central Excise, Bombay and Customs have revealed that a large number of exporters have illegally brought currency into the country's banking system in the disguise of non-existent exports; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) Some cases of suspected over- invoicing of

Statement-I

Cases of over-invoicing of Exports detected by Delhi Customs

SI. No	Name of Exporter	Goods	Value declared (Rs. inlakhs)	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Sai Enterprises	Nail Polish	40.40	Real value is assessed at Rs. 5.04 lakhs only
2.	Texcomesh Exports	Readymade Garments	7622.55	Against per PC value between Rs. 1196 and 1600 Value assessed is at Rs. 210/ PC
3.	Rattan Exports	Computers	439.64	Real value is being ascertained
4.	Yogi Pharmacy	Ayurvedic medicine	1014.00	Real value estimated at Rs. 16 lacs.
5.	Kiran Overseas Ltd	Finished Leather	262.70	Quantity misdeclared. Real value, value assessed at Rs. 53.73 lakhs.

Action Taken: With regard to cases at SI. Nos. 1 to 4 above, detailed investigations are in progress. In the case at SI. No. 5 above, adjudication proceedings have been completed and a penalty of Rs. 20 lakhs and a fine of Rs. 30 lakhs have been imposed

export goods have been detected by Delhi Customs, Details are furnished in statement I *(See* below).

(c) and (d). Some cases have been observed where exporters have received payments through banking channels without making any exports. Details are furnished in Statement II.

Statement-II

List of Exporters who have received payments through Banking Channels on Non-existent Exports

SI. No	. Name of Exporter	No of Exports	FOB Value (Rs. in lakhs)
1.	Asheema Exports	7	200
2.	Ishaan Exports	2	61
3.	Ashee Exports	2	62
4.	Asheema Fashions Ltd.	5	120
5.	Ishaan International	2	61
6.	Toraytex Weaves P. Ltd.	30	163
7.	Dharam Exports	4	33
8.	Dharam Impex P. Ltd.	1	8
9.	Monica Int'l	35	135
10.	Saroj Silk Mills	9	89
11.	Pallavi Commercial P. Ltd.	7	69
12.	R.K. Exports	6	49
13.	Madalsa Multi Fab P. Ltd	4	77
14.	Sagar Exports	5	20
15.	Vigneswar Marketing	8	74

Action Taken: Detailed investigations are in progress. Cheques/Drafts for an amount of Rs. 13.5 crores have been deposited by some of the exporters towards duty liabilities. 35 persons have been arrested so far in this connection.

Recall of Indian Scarves from USA

1511. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Consumer Product Safety Commission of the United States has asked India to recall 3,75,000 scarves on account of being made on inflammable material;

(b) if so, why such scarves were exported when in the past skirts of such material were returned by the United States;

(c) whether Government had adhered to the inflammability test certificate for these scarves from one of the designated laboratories in India;

(d) If so, whether these scarves had passed the test; if not, reasons for their export; and

(e) whether Government are considering to cancel the name of such exporters in order to avoid bad name for the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (e) During 1995, the US Consumer Product Safety Commission, a statutory body, had tested various kinds of rayon apparel items imported from India as a follow up to the measures initiated last year to check the imports of quickly flammable skirts made of 100% sheer rayaon chiffon. The Commission had found that the rayon skirts, blouses and dresses being exported from India were meeting US flammability standards. However, they had found a deficiency in respect of some 100% sheer rayon scarves.

On receipt of this information, the Apparel Export Promotion Council was instructed to give